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LensCrafters National “Gift of Sight” Program to Benefit Hartford Students and Families

The Health and Nursing Services Department of Hartford Public Schools is working in collaboration with LensCrafters, Inc. to provide onsite eye examinations and glasses at no charge to students or their families.

The LensCrafters National “Gift of Sight” Program 2003 will be coming to two school sites where the Vision Van will be parked and students will receive the services of skilled optometrists and trained technicians.

On Monday, May 5th, the van will be at Dominic Burns Elementary School, and at South Middle School on Tuesday, May 6th. Services will be provided to students from **9:00AM to 4:00 PM** each day, with appointments made through the school nurses. The target of this year’s program is **to provide eyeglasses to approximately 200 students enrolled in Hartford public and parochial schools.**

In order to have a child receive this invaluable service, school nurses have performed vision screenings to identify those students with visual deficits. Additionally, consideration has been given to those children whose parents or guardians might find the expense of providing optometric examinations and eyeglasses a financial hardship.

This is an extremely beneficial program that offers children an opportunity for early identification and medical intervention of vision loss. LensCrafters offered Hartford Public Schools a similar program two years ago, which was well received and phenomenally successful.

For more information on the Lenscrafters “Gift of Sight” program in Hartford Public Schools, contact Patricia Sullivan of Hartford Public Schools’ Health Services Department at (860) 695-8797.

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